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apology, however gentle and forbearing. The shadows on the historical canvas are deep and dark, because the forces which projected them were mighty and terrible.

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The Bay Colony: a Civil, Religious and Social History of the Massachusetts Colony and its Settlements, from 1624 to the death of Winthrop in 1650. By WILLIAM DUMMER NORTHEND, LL.D. (Boston: Estes and Lauriat. [1896.] Pp. viii, 249.)

THE descendants of the Puritans of New England will not allow the world in any generation to forget the doings of the forefathers. This is a well-written epitome of the story which has been told so many times in the larger histories. The introduction treats of Plymouth colony and the work antecedent to the foundation of Massachusetts Bay. The chapters then move forward in orderly development. The settlements at Cape Ann led to the larger movement of the Bay Colony proper. The full text of the charter is given in an appendix.

Of necessity, the story is founded on Winthrop's journal, and copious extracts are drawn from that masterly piece of history. If the general reader can be induced to read the original for himself, this book will have served a very useful purpose.

Many modern writers seem to fear that the Puritans will suffer unduly, if the ordinary canons of criticism be applied to their work. In this, we think they underrate their heroes, who were really, if not ideally great. Those men were too large and too strong to be injured by any honest criticism. Our author closely follows the deprecating method. He might have profited by opening his mind to the treatment of the Hutchinson case by C. F. Adams. As it is, he goes farther than Winthrop himself in justifying this strange epidemic in early Boston. The same principle applies to the case of Samuel Gorton and similar episodes.

The treatment of Massachusetts Congregationalism (pp. 258-270) is very good, and its effect on English ecclesiastical development is well brought out. Independency, a larger force than Puritan Presbyterianism, was directly encouraged by the New England cult, and by the emigrants who returned home to take part in the rise of the Commonwealth.

The book is interesting and agreeable, as much detail encumbering the larger histories is stripped off or avoided. It ends rather precipitately, with the death of Winthrop.

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Pennsylvania, Colony and Commonwealth. By SIDNEY GEORGE FISHER. (Philadelphia: Henry T. Coates and Co. 1897. Pp. xiii, 442.)

IN this little book Mr. Fisher presents, first, a brief sketch of Pennsylvania history prior to the Seven Years' War, then a digression upon commerce, wealth and education, after which he resumes the narrative